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Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Scoping Meeting and Public Workshop on the Development of a Basin Plan Amendment to Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Control of Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos in the Lower San Joaquin River

Staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) will hold a CEQA scoping meeting and public workshop to discuss the development of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins (Basin Plan). The Regional Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the Central Valley. The Regional Board's Basin Plan contains water quality objectives and identifies programs of implementation to meet those water quality objectives. The Regional Board conducts a formal public process to amend its Basin Plan.

This proposed Basin Plan Amendment will include:

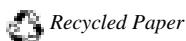
- TMDLs for diazinon and chlorpyrifos for the lower San Joaquin River from the Mendota Pool to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis.
- Program of Implementation for the TMDL
- Surveillance and Monitoring Program
- Compliance Schedule

A draft TMDL Report and a draft TMDL Implementation Framework Report were prepared by Regional Board staff on 23 July 2002 and 10 September 2002 respectively. These documents summarize the general approach being considered for the Basin Plan Amendment. Copies of these reports are available at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/tmdl/sjrop/index.html>

This scoping meeting and workshop will provide participants with: 1) an overview of the current development of the Basin Plan Amendment and staff report; 2) an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the Basin Plan Amendment staff report to be prepared pursuant to Section 21080.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 3) an opportunity to comment on the scope of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan; 4) an opportunity to hear comments from interested parties on the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan.

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Time and Location of Public Workshop:

Date: 19 January 2005
Time: 10 am to 12 noon
Place: Stanislaus County Agricultural Center
Rooms D and E
3800 Cornucopia Way
Modesto, CA 95358

The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact Diane Beaulaurier at (916) 464-4637 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Who Should Attend

Groups or individuals interested in the diazinon and chlorpyrifos impairment in the San Joaquin River are encouraged to attend. This includes, but is not limited to, licensed pesticide applicators or growers or their representatives, water district managers, environmental groups, government officials or others with interest in or responsibility for pesticide regulation, agricultural drainage, storm water management, wastewater treatment and disposal, water diversions or routing of flow in the San Joaquin River. If unable to attend in person, public comments regarding this Basin Plan amendment process or content can be forwarded to Diane Beaulaurier prior to the meeting via email at dbeaulaurier@waterboards.ca.gov.

Contact Information

Persons wishing to subscribe to the electronic mailing list related to this amendment can do so through our website by clicking on the "Subscribe" button on the right side of our webpage at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/>.

(NOTE: Check the box titled "San Joaquin River Diazinon/Chlorpyrifos")

All future information and notifications pertaining to this amendment will be provided electronically through this subscription service. For further information, contact Diane Beaulaurier at dbeaulaurier@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 464-4637.

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